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CONTEMPORARY NEWSPAPER LITERATURE.
NO. 2.

The Saturday Press, in its issue of January 3rd, reproduced some shameful and (we are disposed to believe) wilful mis-statements on the subject of leprosy in these islands to which Mr. J. M. Davidson gave utterance recently in a lecture delivered at San Jose, in California. We and a goodly number of the public with us, were under the impression that the Press had in some measure repented of the disreputable course it took on the leprosy question and did not intend to repeat its sins against the country from which its proprietor and its editorial writers derive their incomes. But for this impression we should not have felt any surprise at finding Judge Davidson's remarks exultingly quoted by the journal from which he, no doubt, originally acquired the misinformation which he is trying to disseminate. For the calumnious way in which the existence of leprosy here is made use of abroad to injure these islands we are almost wholly indebted to the Saturday Press, which, for political purposes, used at one time, week after week, to discuss the matter ad nauseam, giving expression to exactly such views as Mr. J. M. Davidson is now retelling to American audiences.

Mr. Davidson went away from here "breathing threatnings and slaughter," because this country proved itself to be too respectable to put up with his lottery scheme. He had not the discretion to keep his intention of seeking some form of revenge to himself. He had formed the idea that Col. Claus Spreckels had largely influenced the defeat of his bill and he freely expressed his intention of ruining the passenger traffic of the Oceanic Steamship Company's line, in which that gentleman is interested, and of doing everything in his power to injure the Colon and the Islands. In the lecture from which the Saturday Press makes its quotation, we have the first sample of his malice. Long, however, as the Imperial has (at intervals) personally by the way, been brave, all-wise little woman, Emma Abbott has been studying in Paris Van Zandt's latest triumph, "Lakma," and is to present the charming role in English form at home. Madame Marie Duran, a grand dramatic soprano, is to sing at the Italian Opera in Paris, and Miss Risley, another southern singer, having, I believe from Galveston, is to remain in her fine position at Perth.

During the spring we heard in Paris, at a concert, a remarkably fine performance on the piano by an American girl, young and fair—Miss Virginia Rider. This artist, as modest as she is clever, entered the "straight gate" of the Paris Conservatoire at twelve years of age, and remained there three years, winning honors and a brilliant execution by her talent and untiring diligence. She was then placed under the private instruction of Theodore Ritter, and seems to have mastered much of his delightful method, one in which great force is softened by exquisite grace. There is nothing superficial about Miss Rider's training. She has bravely grappled with the toughest difficulties of her art, and what seems to the uninitiated, its profound mysteries—such as "Harmony," "Composition," "Orchestration," "Fugue" and "Thorough-bass." Miss Rider's debut was made last year at the Crystal Palace in London, and was a perfect success, one which, I hope, will be often repeated in America.

Our violinists seem to be winning more than their share of conservatory laurels. Miss Harkness, of Boston (first prize), is regarded as an admirable artist. The little Carpenter, of New York, is steadily building up the fabric of her fame. Though it is something very delicate, pure and fanciful, like the dainty ivory structures of the east, it is not without a foundation of considerable strength. She is now under bonds to play in the famous Colonne concert, which is an important step forward for the little girl. Maud Powell, who reminds one by her bloom and freshness and the bright promise of her genius of the name of her native city, Aurora, is now in Berlin, studying under the incomparable Joachim, who, after hearing her play in London, said: "I expected to

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